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Voter Intent

How will you train staff on the new rules for voter intent? Do you have a tool or method that's worked in the past? Please describe your approach to training permanent and/or seasonal staff on manual inspection and voter intent. Your technique may be shared at the elections conference! Send to ctsupport@sos.wa.gov.

Walk Through WEI

If you missed your scheduled training session yesterday, it's not too late to join us tomorrow. Simply use these unique numbers/codes:

- Thurs @ 9am. Click the link: https://join.me/872-470-638 and phone +1.860.970.0010
- Thurs @ 2pm. Click the link: https://join.me/560-088-114 and phone +1.860.970.0010

If calling by phone, use the numbers in the link as your code and press # sign.

Precinct Changes

If you have made changes to your precincts (or even just precinct parts) for 2014, email <u>WEIsupport</u> to schedule a district sync before Candidate Filing Week. You'll also need to send VRDB updates on any affected voters. If you have a large number of updates, talk to your EMS vendor first.

Online Candidate Filing

Please let <u>WElsupport</u> know if you are using Online Candidate Filing this year. We're here to support you. Let us know if you need any help setting up, updating, and publishing or unpublishing your online candidate filing pages and links.

WEI Admin

When you do an office search in WEI Admin, you may notice that the results include offices that are no longer active. Likewise, a jurisdiction search may return districts that no longer exist. We need to keep these old offices and jurisdictions in the WEI database for archive purposes, and we currently have no way of hiding them when you do a search – but we're working on it for the future! If the office has been correctly dissolved in WEI Admin, it won't show up on your Offices Open for Filing report.

PCOs

Simply because there are so many, PCO offices and candidates are not shown on the Offices Open for Election and Candidates Who Have Filed reports. You may want to consider placing a note on the page where your Offices Open for Election report is displayed: "In addition to the offices listed below, all Precinct Committee Officer offices are open for filing in 2014."

You can create a PCO filings report from the WEI Admin candidate search. Contact <u>WEIsupport</u> if you need help.

Plain Talk Makeover

Help! We need samples of written materials for the Plain Talk course at the conference. Please send us an item from your website, a notice, or any elections-related information that's difficult for voters to understand. Presenter Dr. Bridwell will educate us on the ways Plain Talk improves reading comprehension! Send your sample to ctsupport@sos.wa.gov.

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